

# Re: This is Why Consoles are More Popular than PC's for Gaming

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On Sun, 8 Jan 2006 19:58:27 -0500, "HockeyTownUSA" <magma at comcast dot net> wrote (in part):

> I have been an avid PC gamer for at least 15 years. But recent incidents  
> makes me understand the love and desire for a high-end gaming console. For  
> one, I had to reformat and reinstall Windows recently. While I have done  
> this dozens of times, each time is a new experience with its new set of  
> issues, and takes literally 4-6 hours, and that's even if everything goes  
> well. Just remembering you needed that faithful floppy disk to install SATA  
> drivers only to find out you don't have internet access to download them, or  
> even worse yet, a floppy drive to support it since this is a floppy-less  
> society, is no fun activity.

Humm.... I've had my PC for years and haven't had to reinstall WinXP.  
I haven't had any crashes. Of course that could be because I built my  
PC, it's not an off-the-shelf system. I also am vigilant about  
maintaining it (optimizing using "Perfect Disk," running Norton's "Win  
Doctor," etc.); and keeping my drivers up-to-date, especially my  
NVIDIA graphic drivers.

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> Secondly, I wanted to play Battlefield 2 last night, but since I recently  
> reformatted, I had to reinstall Battlefield 2 and Special Forces. This meant  
> redownloading a massive patch, and thank God for broadband, but it is only  
> beneficial if you can find a website that doesn't throw a billion pop-ups or  
> restrict bandwidth. My Gamespot membership this time was well spent. Ok,  
> patch downloaded, well the patch took *\*forever\** to install. All in all, I  
> spent well over an hour and a half by the time I got everything installed,  
> patched, options set, textures decompressed, hard drive defragmented, and  
> into the game. I had less than 30 minutes to play by the time I got into it.  
>

You download patches every time? You don't keep the file on disk?

I have a folder for "Game Updates" where all my game patches are

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kept. Also, when there's the accumulative filesize make it worth it, I write these on CD, then I can delete them from the folder. Hell, I still have patches for games I have uninstalled on CD.

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==== Tecknomage ====

"The future is all around us, waiting in moments of transition to be born in moments of revelation. None of us knows the shape of that future, or where it will take us. We know only that it is always born in pain." G'Kar, Z'ha'dum

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